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In re Application of

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**LETTER** 

**Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Upon receipt of the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, it was noted that rejections were imposed under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kinoshita et al. and Akasaka et al., and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinoshita et al. in view of Watanabe. However, no such references to Kinoshita et al., Akasaka et al. or Watanabe were supplied with the Office Action.

These facts were communicated to Examiner Tra on July 15, 2002.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner furnish Applicants with copies of aboveidentified references. It is further requested that the Examiner restart the previously set period for response to run from the date the documents are mailed. See MPEP 710.06.

Respectfully submitted,

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